

really important part. Stage four is Lithium ion battery cell manufacturing. And this is something that I don't think my colleague from New York, who cosponsored this little deal that we are having to deal with now, quite understands. Apparently, she knows the economy, but she wouldn't debate me, so I don't know how that works out.

You see, when it comes to producing the cells, this is where we have a problem. We have right here, 6 percent with the European Union. We have the United States at 10 percent, and according to this one, China has 73 percent. And now they are increasing, because you know what happened in Afghanistan? We walked away from \$1 trillion worth of rare earth mineral mines. Why did we do that?

So, what goes into an electric vehicle? Just a battery. That is what makes it drive. And as you can see, China dominates and America is barely a speck in the economy and the market share for Lithium batteries.

So rare earth minerals. Let's talk about rare earth minerals. I just named some of them that go into the battery production, that affect batteries for electric vehicles. They affect microchips that are very important, such as the trucks, over 50,000—it is probably even more now that can't be sold because we are waiting on these. Don't forget appliances like dishwashers, refrigerators, cell phones, computers, they all rely on rare earth minerals, and America is not competing very well in this market. But China is.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, China currently produces approximately 84 percent of the world's rare earth minerals, while the U.S. only produces 4 percent, a portion of which is owned by, guess who, the Chinese. How about that?

The estimated value of rare earth compounds and metals imported by the United States increased by 10 million from 2018 to 2019. That is a big market because everybody knows that this has been the goal for quite a time.

There was a decline last year due to COVID. Well, everything shut down. But these numbers are sure to keep rising, and they are sure to keep rising because we have a government forcing us to these policies. We are being forced through these bills that we are working on and going to be voting on very soon. We are going to be forced to rely on rare earth minerals that, by the way, I just told you the U.S. only produces at 4 percent, but the Communist Chinese produce at 84 percent. This is a big problem. That is China first, America last.

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China is already one of the top five producers of lithium. They are not just barely one; they are number one. They are buying up most of the reserves in Australia. Why? Because China listens and pays attention. Well, we know they

listen. They listen more than we want them to.

Joe Biden didn't just abandon our fellow citizens in Afghanistan. He also left behind valuable resources to the Taliban.

Let's just show them that.

Not only did we abandon Americans in Afghanistan, which was shocking—because in America we always thought the rule was “no man left behind”—we abandoned Americans. We armed the Taliban, a radical Islamic terrorist-run nation, with \$85 billion worth of the world's best military equipment and weapons. We also left behind \$1 trillion in rare earth minerals. Can you believe that?

We didn't even negotiate for them. But do you know who did? China did. China has moved in and is negotiating a deal with Afghanistan for this \$1 trillion worth of rare earth minerals. They also just made a 25-year deal with Iran, and they are working very hard on the Belt and Road project that will go right through Afghanistan to Iran.

You see, these deals, the infrastructure deal, the \$3.5 trillion budget the Democrats in Congress know all the details to, are putting America last, are going to force every single American to have to drive a Communist Chinese battery just to get to work or go to the store.

And then guess what? When the battery runs out and you need a new one, you know what is going to happen to you? You are going to have to order it from China. Hopefully, there will be no more COVID shutdowns, and hopefully, you can get your Communist Chinese battery in time so you can start driving your government-forced electric vehicle.

This is an unbelievable thing. As a private business owner for over two decades, I cannot believe that our Federal Government is putting Americans in this position. I don't care if you are a Democrat or a Republican or if you don't care about politics, you should care about this because these are the policies that are going to destroy our economy and destroy our country.

Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to the time remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has 30 seconds remaining.

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, what I would like to say is, I would like to appeal to my Democrat colleagues. Don't force us, don't force the American people, to rely on Communist China by taking over our private market and forcing the American people to have to rely on Communist China just to drive a car and a truck. Don't force Americans into this situation with their own tax dollars. And stop worshipping the fake climate religion.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolu-

tion 188, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow for morning-hour debate and noon for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2192. A letter from the Deputy Administrator for Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Correcting amendment and extension of comment period for interim final rule — Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Non-Discretionary Quality Control Provisions of Title IV of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018; Correction [FNS-2018-0043] (RIN: 0584-AE64) received September 14, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-2193. A letter from the General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Standards of Conduct (RIN: 3052-AC44) received September 14, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-2194. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision to Restrictions on Shipment or Use for Human Blood and Blood Components Exceptions; Technical Amendment [Docket No.: FDA-2021-N-0011] received September 14, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2195. A letter from the Acting Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Acequinocyl; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0475; FRL-8763-01-OCSPP] received August 31, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2196. A letter from the Acting Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Defensin Proteins Derived From Spinach in Citrus Plants; Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0170; FRL-8908-01-OCSPP] received August 31, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2197. A letter from the Acting Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Regulation of Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic Chemicals Under TSCA Section 6(h); Phenol, Isopropylated Phosphate (3:1); Compliance Date Extension [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2021-0202; FRL-6015.5-03-OCSPP] (RIN: 2070-AK89) received August 31, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2198. A letter from the Acting Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the